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STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:

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District 27 (Essex and Morris)

SYNOPSIS

Permits municipalities to prohibit gas connections in new construction.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT permitting municipalities to prohibit gas connections in
2 new construction and supplementing P.L.1975, c.217 (C.52:27D-
3 119 et seq.).
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*
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8 1. a. A municipality may by ordinance provide that a
9 construction permit shall not issue for any structure or building to
10 be newly constructed within the municipality unless the structure or
11 building is constructed without any natural gas connection.

12 b. An ordinance adopted pursuant to subsection a. of this
13 section shall require a construction permit application for a new
14 structure or building to contain plans for the structure or building to
15 be powered by a source of energy other than natural gas.

16 c. The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations
17 pursuant to its rule-making authority under the "Administrative
18 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) in order to
19 effectuate the purposes of this section.
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21 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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24 STATEMENT
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26 This bill would allow municipalities to prohibit gas connections
27 in new structures and buildings. Electric power, the primary energy
28 alternative to natural gas, is becoming a cleaner source of energy,
29 contributing fewer carbon emissions that cause climate change.
30 This bill would give municipalities the flexibility to promote
31 cleaner energy sources, and help combat climate change, by
32 prohibiting new construction that uses natural gas as an energy
33 source.